

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

No. 11-378V

Filed: December 6, 2012

Not for Publication

GRETCHEN ARMSTRONG, a minor *
by and through her natural mother and next *
friend, PAULA ARMSTRONG *

Petitioner, *

v. * Attorneys' Fees & Costs Decision

Based on Stipulation of Fact

SECRETARY OF HEALTH *
AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

William P. Ronan, Overland Park, KS, for petitioner.

Debra A Filteau Begley, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

On December 6, 2012, the parties filed a stipulation of fact in which they agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs in this case.

In accordance with the General Order #9 requirement, petitioner's counsel asserts that petitioner incurred \$400.00 in costs in pursuit of her petition.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). Vaccine Rule 18(b) states that all decisions of the special masters will be made available to the public unless they contain trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged and confidential, or medical or similar information whose disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision is filed, petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact such information prior to the document's disclosure. If the special master, upon review, agrees that the identified material fits within the banned categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access.

Petitioner communicated to respondent a request for attorneys' fees and costs. During informal discussions, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on these objections, petitioner now amends her request for attorneys' fees and costs and requests **\$7,300.00**, which includes attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$6,900.00 and petitioner's costs in the amount of \$400.00. Respondent does not object to the reduced amount. The undersigned finds this amount to be reasonable.

Accordingly, pursuant to the stipulation, the court awards:

- a. **\$6,900.00**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and her attorney, William P. Ronan; and
- b. **\$400.00**, representing reimbursement for costs incurred by petitioner. The award shall be in the form of a check payable solely to petitioner.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 6, 2012

/s/ Laura D. Millman
Laura D. Millman
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.